## REMARKS

## Election/Restriction

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §121 between:

Group I: Claims 1-8, 11-20, drawn to a multiple bag classified in class.

Group II: Claims 9-10, drawn to a method of producing a multiple bag.

Group 1 is further divided by the Office in to the following groups:

Group III: Claims 1-3, 11-13, drawn to the embodiment of Figures 1A-1F;

Group IV: Claims 1-4, 11-14, drawn to the embodiment of Figures 2A-2F;

Group V: Claims 1-5, 11-19, drawn to the embodiment of Figures 3A-3F;

Group VI: Claims 1, 2, 6, and 20, drawn to the embodiment of Figures 4A-4D;

Group VII: Claims 1, 7, and 8, drawn to the embodiment of Figures 5A-5C;

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, election is hereby made WITHOUT TRAVERSE to prosecute the invention of Group IV, claims 1-4, 11-14. Claims 9-10 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 5-8, 15-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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